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BUDGET WARS: POLITICAL WINNERS & LOSERS.

Editor's note: Faced with a nearly \$13 billion deficit, there really is no such thing as a political winner in Calif.'s current search for a solution to this massive fiscal mess. But some leaders come off looking a little better than others. Here's CALPEEK's assessment...

• **GOV. PETE** - Wilson has shown strong leadership and has come up with some good short and long term solutions to resolve fiscal management problems, but probably wishes now that he'd stayed in Washington. Dealing with Demo U.S. Senators Mitchell, Kennedy, Biden et al is definitely easier than dealing with Demo Assembly Speaker Willie Brown and Senate President Pro Tem David Roberti --- not to mention the GOP Assembly Caucus...

• **NO MORE MR. NICE GUY AWARD** - Goes to Lewis Uhler, head of the Nat'l Tax Limitation Committee. He doesn't like Gov. Pete's budget plan one bit. In fact, Uhler calls Wilson "the Michael Dukakis of the West..."

• **LEGISLATIVE LETHARGY** - For the past several years, the CA Legislature (as an institution) has turned out budgets that were "smoke & mirror" jobs. As a group, they're losers, both Demos and GOPers...

• **GOV. DUKE** - Former Gov. George Deukmejian(R) doesn't get off either. He's as guilty as the legislature for not coming to grips with the budget/fiscal mess. Sure, he yelled late last year (and the Demo Legislative leadership wouldn't listen), but the truth is this fiscal mess started 2-3 years ago on his watch. He's a loser...

• **I TOLD YOU SO AWARD** - To Demo State Controller Gray Davis. He was warning of this current fiscal mess 2-3 years ago, but no one listened (probably because they

thought Gray was just trying to grab a headline). He's a winner without clout...

• **FEET IN CEMENT AWARD** - To GOP Assembly Republican hardliners (Cavemen) who have made life difficult for their Republican governor by refusing to accept any new tax hikes...

• **SALES vs. INCOME TAX** - As a revenue raiser to balance a huge deficit, the SALES tax is a winner because it gives a quick fix. Besides with individual and corporate income in decline because of the recession, now is NOT the time to hike income taxes...

• **BEST LONG TERM SOLUTION** - The award goes to the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn. for starting the ball rolling on the concept of getting a Calif. Grace Commission to study the State's fiscal needs...

CALPEEK UPDATE: SPECIAL ELECTIONS MAY 14.

Editor's note: There are 3 special State Legislative elections set for May 14. Here is a CALPEEK update covering the 26th A.D., the 1st S.D. and the 35th S.D. specials...

• **26th A.D.** - In this San Joaquin County district, the contest is between Demo Patti Garamendi and Dean Andal, a conservative Stockton-area PA/PR executive who has been involved in GOP politics for many years as a campaign strategist, but not as a candidate. Andal had no major competition in the primary and finished first with 27.9% of the vote. Garamendi won a bruising Demo primary with 26.5% and finished second...

...Who wins? Depends on who you talk to. Demo strategists feel that some of Andal's public statements have really hurt him in recent weeks. Andal said he would resign

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from the legislature if he (Andal) ever voted for ACA 6 - that's a constitutional amendment sponsored by Gov. Pete Wilson(R) that would permit a simple majority vote on school and criminal justice facility bonds, rather than the current 2/3rds vote. Many conservatives see ACA 6 as a weakening of Prop. 13. Andal's opposition is seen as a slap at Wilson. Garamendi is in favor...

...And more recently, Andal blamed increased crime in the Stockton area on RENTERS. While that might fly in some conservative areas of the district, Stockton has a large voter base who are renters, thus Andal's own pronouncements may eventually backfire. Law & order groups (except for PORAC) are supporting Andal...

...Although it's not the overwhelming issue it once was, abortion has surfaced in this campaign. Garamendi is PRO-CHOICE, while Andal is PRO-LIFE...

...Bottomline: Despite the fact that Patti Garamendi isn't that well liked in this district that was once represented by her husband, the registration (56% Demo) plus Andal's positions on some key issues, MIGHT persuade enough Demos to hold their noses and vote for Garamendi, thus giving her a narrow victory...

- 1st S.D. - Question: can a technical campaign management mistake in a special election make an underdog a winner? That's what insiders will be watching as favorite Tim Leslie, the GOP Assemblyman from Sacto, faces Demo Patricia Mattingly, the county supervisor from Siskiyou. The mistake, which might not be fatal at all, concerns Leslie's VBM (vote by mail) program. As it was explained to CALPEEK, Leslie has had to go back a second time via mail to secure absentee voters. Mattingly's original VBM program had voters sign up for both the primary and runoff...

...Regardless, most insiders insist that the Demo voter base isn't large enough to carry Mattingly. Besides that, she may have made a bad mistake on the critical issue of the Auburn Dam. Mattingly sided with Gov. Wilson in support for the less expense flood control dam, rather than the full service dam --- which is backed by a majority, including U.S. Rep. John Doolitt-

le and Leslie. In other words, Mattingly tried to woo GOP voters by siding with Gov. Wilson, but the tactic has backfired...

...Bottomline: despite the fact that Leslie is steering clear of Gov. Wilson these days on taxes and the Auburn Dam proposal, voters should stick with Mr. Plan-wrap Van-illa rather than flirt with Ms. Peppermint Patti. Leslie wins...

- 35th S.D. - There is no contest in this Orange County senate district special election. If GOP Assemblyman John Lewis of Orange is defeated by Demo Frank Hoff-man, it would have to rank as one of the biggest upsets in State legislative election history. Stay tuned...

GOP CANDIDATES LINE UP FOR SPECIALS EARLY.

Even though the results of this first round of SPECIAL ELECTIONS are not even known at this time, potential Republican candidates in the 5th and 67th Assembly Districts are already lining up campaign teams and asking for contributions...

...In the 5th A.D. (that Tim Leslie's Sacto area district), there are four possible GOP contenders at this time. They include Mark Baughman (he ran against Demo U.S. Rep. Vic Fazio in 1990); Chris Jones, vice chair of the Placer County GOP Central Committee; Carla Lowe, a GOP community activist from Carmichael; and Joe Sullivan, a member of the Sacto Water Board who ran against Demo State Sen. Leroy Greene last year. Baughman has hired consultant Wayne Johnson, while Jones is getting some friendly advice from Huckaby/Rodriguez. Leslie is favored to defeat Siskiyou Co. Sup. Patti Mattingly in the 1st S.D. special runoff May 14...

...In conservative Orange Co.'s 67th A.D., Assemblyman John Lewis(R) should be a big winner against Demo Frank Hoffman on May 14 in the 35th S.D. special runoff. This is one of those elections where you can bet your first born, so the list of Republican contenders for Lewis' soon-to-be vacant seat continues to grow...

...The current list of potential candidates includes GOP activist Jeff Thomas; Anaheim Councilman Bill Ehrle; Orange Councilman William Steiner; Mickey Conroy, a Santa Ana vet who is one of Demo Assemblyman Tom

Hayden's chief bashers; conservative businessman Rob Hurtt; and perhaps former GOP Assemblyman Curt Pringle. Pringle would be an early favorite, but sources think he WON'T RUN, waiting instead to see what the 1991 reapportionment brings to central Orange County. In the meantime, Steiner has hired consultants Dresner, Sykes et al of San Diego and Ellis/Hart Assoc. of Orange County. Stay tuned...

IMPRESSIVE DEMO FEILD SET FOR 46th SPECIAL.

Editor's note: The field is now set for the special election in L.A.'s 46th Assembly District to replace Mike Roos(D), who retired. The special will be held June 4, with a July 30 runoff. There are 12 Democrats, 1 Republican, 1 P&F Party candidate and 1 Libertarian. Here is CALPEEK's analysis on this high profile special...

...Four things are very obvious: 1) the 46th A.D. is Demo turf, so non-Demos need not apply; 2) this special is the FULL EMPLOYMENT ACT for campaign consultants; 3) collectively the field of Demos is probably one of the best yet - there are some real quality candidates; and 4) candidates who aren't walking, won't win...

...So who's the favorite Demo? It totally depends on who you talk to, but many CALPEEK sources break the Demo field into 4 tiers. By the time the campaign moves to the last week, the ranking orders now listed in this issue of CALPEEK may be totally different:

- TOP TIER - Bob Burke, John Emerson and Barbara Friedman...

- VERY CREDIBLE - Keith Umemoto...

- POSSIBLE BREAKTHROUGHS - T.S. Chung, Mike Cacciotti, Jill Halverson, Joselyn Yap and Kathleen Torres...

- LONGSHOTS - Adam Schiff, Sal Genovese and John Ladner...

...The MONEY GAME. Emerson raised the most money - \$184,000, with \$116,000 cash in the bank after filing closed. Chung was 2nd with \$85,000 raised, while Burke was 3rd with \$67,000. While Emerson can be proud of the job he's done, he's also become a TARGET for all the other Demos. The anti-

Emerson comments are kinda funny too. One source says, "There aren't enough Evian drinkers in the district for John to win." A mild barb thrown at the Crown Prince of West L.A. Yuppido - an image the Asst. L.A. City Atty. is trying to downplay...

...Perhaps the most interesting person in the Demo field is Halverson, who is the Ex. Director of the Downtown Women's Center - a home for women on skid row. She lives in Silverlake and is well connected to many of the social elite in L.A., including Bettina Chandler, Andrea Van de Kamp and Joanne Kozberg - just to name a few. Former L.A. Times society columnist Marylouise Oates is also involved in the Halverson campaign, as is PA exec. Judy Miller. It's not your usual crowd of political insiders. Halverson's key problem right now is playing catch-up. She was a late entrant and thus hasn't been collecting money (until now) and as CALPEEK went to press, she was still up in the air on a campaign manager. Consultant Pat Bond is helping temporarily. If she picks a solid consultant, Halverson should be watched carefully...

...Emerson, Burke, Umemoto and Chung are delighted with Halverson's entry. They see Halverson as cutting into Barbara Friedman's base. They may be right, but Halverson's candidacy has the potential to take votes from everyone...

...Elizabeth Nakano of the P&F Party adds a 5th woman to the contest and 4th person who is Asian American. But there is only one Latina - Kathleen Torres; and only one serious Gay candidate - Bob Burke. Hispanics make up 59% of the district's population, but they aren't registered in that number. Nevertheless, Torres has to be considered a key player, especially if one of candidates in the upper tiers should fall. As for Burke --- there are large numbers of gays in the district and Burke thinks this is THE key race in terms of showing the political clout of the gay community...

...Of course the one thing CALPEEK hasn't mentioned yet is REAPPORTIONMENT. While all these candidates are busting their buns to win election, there is the possibility that the 46th A.D. could be dissolved when lawmakers draw up new districts. More next week when CALPEEK looks at issues, mail and campaign tactics. Stay tuned...

MORE NAMES SURFACES AS POTENTIAL CANDIDATES
IN 1992 L.A. COUNTY DISTRICT ATTY. CONTEST.

Editor's note: Last week CALPEEK wrote a brief story about the likely candidacy of Beverly Hills Councilman Robert Tanenbaum as a serious challenger to incumbent L.A. Co. Dist. Atty. Ira Reiner. But as CALPEEK has discovered, Tanenbaum isn't alone -- there are some other potentially strong candidates as well. Here's an update...

...In addition to Tanenbaum, sources tell CALPEEK there are two judges and at least two fairly well known prosecutors in Reiner's office who are "looking things over." The jurists are L.A. Co. Sup. Court Judge J.D. Smith and Beverly Hills Municipal Court Judge Charles Rubin. In case your memory has slipped, Rubin is the judge who sentenced Zsa Zsa Gabor to jail in the now famous "Zsa Zsa Slaps Beverly Hills Cop" case. Nothing to solid with either judge just yet, but their names are being floated around...

...Of a more solid nature is the possible candidacy of Dep. DA Sterling Norris, who is acting head deputy for special trials. Norris has been with the DA's office for 23 years. He was a co-author and strong supporter of Prop. 115 last June and was active in the 1986 effort to dump Rose Bird as chief justice of the CA Supreme Court. And he has had his share of high profile cases - the Freeway Killer case and the Skid Row Slasher case. Norris told CALPEEK he is certainly considering the 1992 race. Another well known prosecutor whose name has surfaced is Gilbert Garcetti, now the top ranking deputy DA in the department's Torrance office. But at one point, Garcetti was Reiner's top assistant. Stay tuned...

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The 1991-92 Lobbyist & Lobbyist Employer Directory is now on sale from the Calif. Secretary of State's office. Cost is \$12. For info, call Melissa Warren at (916)445-6375...

U.S. SENATOR SEYMOUR AT COMMONWEALTH CLUB.

Calif.'s junior U.S. Sen. John Seymour(R) will address members of the Commonwealth Club of CA at 11:45 a.m., May 17, Imperial Ballroom, Hilton Hotel, S.F. Seymour's speech is titled "A Californian on the Potomac." For info (415)597-6705...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- Charles Phillips of Austin, TX, has been named political director for U.S. Rep. Bill Dannemeyer's GOP primary campaign for the U.S. Senate in 1992...

- Hedy Govenar's Governmental Advocates has been hired by the CA Chiropractic Assn. GA replaces CCA lobbyist Tom Truax, who was killed in a plane crash in January...

- Campaign consultants Rob Rice and Tom Hall form the Rice/Hall Group, 6955 Fernhill Drive, #15, Malibu CA 90265 (213)457-1088. Also aboard are John Cronin and Andy Volz. Rice, Hall & Cronin are all alums of 1st Tuesday...

- Name change. Campaign consultant/pa exec. Bob Nelson has changed the name of his Orange Co. office from Nelson/Ralston/Robb Communications to Nelson Communications. Ditto the St. Louis office, but the Phoenix office stays the same...

- Paul Kinney moves his political consulting/PA offices to larger digs at 910 Second St., Sacto 95814. Phone number is the same (916)447-8868...

- Jay Greenwood returns to the FPPC as interim media director, replacing Sandi Michioku, who now works for Assemblyman Burt Margolin(D-L.A.). Greenwood had been working for Assemblyman Johan Klehs...

- Bryan Godbe moves his communications/pa/pr/campaign mgt. agency to 225 S. Cabrillo Highway, Ste. 106B, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 (415)726-0941...

CALPEEK's COOKBOOK: NEED MORE RECIPES.

CALPEEK's Political Cookbook is cooking, but we need MORE RECIPES. Sgt. Paul Curry of the San Berdu Sheriff's Dept. has sent in a recipe called "Former Governor's Armenian Bar-B-Que Chicken," while attorney Allen E. Tebbetts has sent in "Allan's 2-minute Groundhog Birthday Fudge." Mail your recipes to CALPEEK, P.O. Box 1468, Beverly Hills, CA 90213. If you want to FAX, the number is (213)657-4340...